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**Idaho Milk Production up 13.2 Percent**

Idaho milk production during October 2005 totaled 884 million pounds, a 13.2 percent increase from the same month last year, and up 16 million pounds from September 2005. Revised production for September 2005 totaled 868 million pounds, down 6 million pounds from the preliminary estimate and 13.2 percent above September 2004. Average milk production per cow in October 2005 was 1,880 pounds, an 80 pound increase from October 2004, and 30 pounds more than September 2005. The average number of milk cows during October was 470,000 head, up 1,000 head from September 2005 and up 36,000 head from October 2004.

Milk production in the 23 major States during October totaled 13.4 billion pounds, up 4.1 percent from October 2004. September revised production, at 13.0 billion pounds, was up 4.7 percent from September 2004. The September revision represented a decrease of 27 million pounds or 0.2 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate. Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,636 pounds for October, 53 pounds above October 2004. The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.16 million head, 58,000 head more than October 2004, and 4,000 head more than September 2005.

**Average Number of Milk Cows and Production: Selected States, October 2004-2005**

State	Milk Cows 1/		Milk Per Cow 2/		Milk Production 2/		Change From 2004
	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	
	1,000 Head		Pounds		Million Pounds		Percent
Arizona	167	161	1,785	1,840	298	296	-0.7
California	1,740	1,770	1,770	1,780	3,080	3,151	2.3
Colorado	103	106	1,785	1,870	184	198	7.6
Florida	137	135	1,165	1,175	160	159	-0.6
Idaho	434	470	1,800	1,880	781	884	13.2
Illinois	106	104	1,480	1,510	157	157	
Indiana	152	155	1,585	1,685	241	261	8.3
Iowa	191	187	1,640	1,640	313	307	-1.9
Kansas	114	112	1,590	1,715	181	192	6.1
Kentucky	109	103	1,035	1,030	113	106	-6.2
Michigan	304	312	1,730	1,790	526	558	6.1
Minnesota	460	450	1,425	1,470	656	662	0.9
Missouri	120	114	1,230	1,200	148	137	-7.4
New Mexico	323	335	1,690	1,760	546	590	8.1
New York	653	650	1,470	1,550	960	1,008	5.0
Ohio	266	270	1,410	1,440	375	389	3.7
Oregon	120	121	1,575	1,590	189	192	1.6
Pennsylvania	563	558	1,465	1,550	825	865	4.8
Texas	320	320	1,470	1,605	470	514	9.4
Vermont	145	142	1,455	1,505	211	214	1.4
Virginia	104	105	1,355	1,370	141	144	2.1
Washington	234	244	1,895	1,925	443	470	6.1
Wisconsin	1,238	1,237	1,475	1,535	1,826	1,899	4.0
<b>23 STATE TOTAL</b>	<b>8,103</b>	<b>8,161</b>	<b>1,583</b>	<b>1,636</b>	<b>12,824</b>	<b>13,353</b>	<b>4.1</b>

1/Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh. 2/Excludes milk sucked by calves.

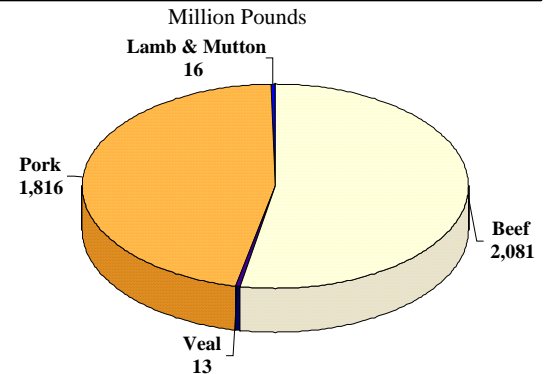
## Idaho Red Meat Production Down 40 Percent

Commercial red meat production at Idaho packing plants for October 2005 totaled 24.0 million pounds, down 40 percent from last year. October production was down 5 percent from the 25.2 million pounds produced in September. Accumulated red meat production for the January-October 2005 period totaled 271 million pounds, down 27 percent from the comparable period a year earlier.

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.93 billion pounds in October, up slightly from the 3.92 billion pounds produced in October 2004. Beef production, at 2.08 billion pounds, was 2 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.68 million head, down 2 percent from October 2004. The average live weight was up 13 pounds from the previous year, at 1,280 pounds. Veal production totaled 12.6 million pounds, 2 percent above October a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 56,400 head, down 10 percent from October 2004. The average live weight was 41 pounds above last year, at 371 pounds. Pork production totaled 1.82 billion pounds, up 2 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 9.12 million head, 2 percent above October 2004. The average live weight was 2 pounds above the previous year, at 269 pounds. Lamb and mutton production, at 15.8 million pounds, was down 3 percent from October 2004. Sheep slaughter totaled 228,500 head, 5 percent below last year. The average live weight was 138 pounds, up 3 pounds from October a year ago.

January to October 2005 commercial red meat production was 37.8 billion pounds, up slightly from 2004. Accumulated beef production was virtually unchanged from last year, veal was down 6 percent, pork was up 1 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 4 percent.

### Commercial Red Meat Production <sup>1/</sup> United States, October 2005



<sup>1/</sup> Based on packers' dressed weight and excludes farm slaughter  
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### Commercial Red Meat Production, Selected States and United States <sup>1/</sup>

State	October 2004	September 2005	October 2005	October 2005 As Percent Of <sup>2/</sup>	
				October 2004	September 2005
	Million Pounds			Percent	
California	117.8	119.2	121.9	103	102
Colorado	168.9	149.9	138.8	82	93
IDAHO	40.1	25.2	24.0	60	95
Illinois	230.8	230.3	236.3	102	103
Iowa	564.7	*555.8	567.4	100	102
Kansas	489.5	515.8	482.0	98	93
Minnesota	194.4	200.2	195.7	101	98
Montana	1.4	1.5	1.4	102	94
Nebraska	605.5	608.1	593.1	98	98
Nevada	0.1	0.1	0.1	93	85
Oklahoma	89.1	85.3	93.5	105	110
Oregon	3.4	3.7	3.9	115	106
South Dakota	94.2	87.3	92.4	98	106
Texas	386.6	407.8	400.8	104	98
Utah	33.3	43.0	46.2	139	108
Washington	43.6	57.6	63.8	147	111
Wyoming	0.3	0.5	0.3	98	57
UNITED STATES	3,921.1	3,932.8	3,925.1	100	100

\* Revised. <sup>1/</sup> Includes total beef, veal, pork, lamb and mutton. <sup>2/</sup> Percentages based on unrounded data.

## Idaho Cattle on Feed Down 5 Percent

Cattle on feed for the slaughter market in Idaho from feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head on November 1, 2005 totaled 290,000 head, down 5 percent from the November 1, 2004 inventory. The inventory was up 7 percent from the number on hand October 1, 2005. Placements of cattle into State feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head during October totaled 76,000 head, down 2,000 head from October 2004 placements. Marketings during October totaled 55,000 head, up 8,000 from October 2004 marketings.

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.5 million head on November 1, 2005. The inventory was 1

percent above November 1, 2004 and 4 percent above November 1, 2003.

Placements in feedlots during October totaled 2.80 million, 3 percent above 2004 and 1 percent above 2003. Net placements were 2.74 million. During October, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 880,000, 600-699 pounds were 790,000, 700-799 pounds were 600,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 525,000. Marketings of fed cattle during October totaled 1.74 million, 3 percent below 2004 and 6 percent below 2003. Other disappearance totaled 58,000 during October, 12 percent below 2004 and 43 percent below 2003.

### Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots<sup>1/</sup>

State	Nov. 1, 2004	Oct. 1, 2005	November 1, 2005		
			Number	As % of 2004	As % of Oct.
Arizona California Colorado Idaho Iowa Kansas Nebraska New Mexico Oklahoma South Dakota Texas Washington Other States United States	---1,000 Head---		---Percent---		
	321	318	325	101	102
	525	535	545	104	102
	1,090	900	1,030	94	114
	305	270	290	95	107
	430	410	475	110	116
	2,400	2,250	2,410	100	107
	2,210	1,940	2,280	103	118
	134	136	141	105	104
	360	335	360	100	107
	169	130	161	95	124
	2,880	2,830	2,970	103	105
	185	153	163	88	107
	325	275	325	100	118
	11,334	10,482	11,475	101	109

<sup>1/</sup> Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.

## Frozen Potato Stocks

Frozen stocks of French fries in the United States on October 31, 2005, totaled 963 million pounds, an increase of 3 percent from September 30, 2005, but down 4 percent from October 31, 2004. Other frozen potatoes, at 242 million pounds, decreased 3 percent from September stocks and was down 12 percent from last year.

United States stocks of butter on October 31, 2005, totaled 101 million pounds, down 19 percent from the end of the previous month, and 6 percent less than October 31, 2004. Of this 101 million pounds, the government owned 40,000 pounds. Stocks of American cheese totaled 525 million pounds, down 5 percent from September 30 and down 1 percent from last year. The government owned 844,000 pounds, less than one percent of the total.

Commodity	Oct. 31, 2004	Sept. 30, 2005	Oct. 31, 2005	2005 2004
	1,000 Pounds			Percent
POTATOES				
French Fries	1,000,37	932,179	963,069	96
Other Frozen	274,491	248,179	241,527	88
Total	1,274,86	1,180,358	1,204,596	94
DAIRY PRODUCTS:				
Butter, Total	107,152	124,061	100,528	94
(Gov't Owned)	91	44	40	44
Natural Cheese				
American, Total	528,234	551,391	524,586	99
(Gov't Owned)	6,868	844	844	12

## October Farm Labor

For the Mountain I Region of the U.S. (Idaho, Montana, and Wyoming), there were 29,000 hired workers on farms and ranches during the week of October 9-15, 2005, the same as a year ago. Hired workers worked an average of 51.4 hours during the survey week at an average wage of \$8.91 per hour, up 7 cents from last year.

There were 1,129,000 hired workers on the Nation's farms and ranches during the week of October 9-15, 2005, down 4 percent from a year ago. Of these hired workers, 840,000 workers were hired directly by farm operators. Agricultural service employees on farms and ranches made up the remaining 289,000 workers.

Farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage of \$9.61 per hour during the October 2005 reference week, up 29 cents from a year earlier. Field workers received an average of \$8.90 per hour, up 28 cents from last October, while livestock workers earned \$9.14 per hour compared with \$8.91 a year earlier. The field and livestock worker combined wage rate, at \$8.96 per hour, was up 27 cents from last year. The number of hours worked averaged 42.0 hours for hired workers during the survey week, up 4 percent from a year ago.

